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Good morning Mr. Secretary and members of the panel!

Thank you for the opportunity to share Jupiter Aluminum and its employees' view here today.

My name is Paul-Henri Chevalier. I am the President of Jupiter Aluminum Corporation, an American privately held aluminum producer based in Des Plaines Illinois.

I am here because we need to preserve our industry and manufacturing jobs by establishing a level playing field with honest and fair competition so market-distorting behaviors cease.

Jupiter Aluminum is turning 25 this year and since 1992 grew from a few tons to over 100,000 tons shipped annually. We are about 400 people working in 3 plants, 2 in Indiana and 1 in West Virginia.

24/7, we transform aluminum scrap sourced domestically into coils sold in the construction, automotive, distribution and government markets. Your car most probably has a license plate cast one day in our mill. Over 95% of our products are sold in the US and Canada.

While relatively small compared to many other aluminum producers, Jupiter's impact on the local and domestic economies is much larger than its own size when you factor in the various vendors and partners our operations require and there is no need to remind everyone that manufacturing and manufacturing-related jobs pay very well with excellent benefits.

Today, I will focus on 3 specific damaging consequences of the Chinese trade practices.

1. The first damaging consequence is directly related to fair trade.

The aluminum market started attracting the Chinese in 2003. The Aluminum Association organized a meeting with the Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Commerce in December 2003 to raise the issue about the Chinese trade practices that allowed them to sell below market price. Not much resulted from that meeting.

Since then, Chinese aluminum production soared from 11% of worldwide supply to 55% today. 21 American smelters closed in the same period. China developed this extraordinary capacity during one of the world's worse recessions.

Jupiter Aluminum adapted to the new economic environment. Our patented high temperature oxy-fuel technology saves 70% of our natural gas consumption. That technology by the way also reduces CO2 emissions by 70%. However, innovation did not suffice; we also trimmed costs, investments and growth.

Competition is good as it forces you to continuously improve. That however only works when standard economic rules apply to everyone. In China, financial viability does not seem as important as providing jobs and maintaining social stability.

Once American Aluminum production is gone, nothing will block Chinese companies from moving downstream and directly sell finished goods our customers' customers.

China keeps increasing production today resulting in a dangerous over-supply. This battle between job creation in China and financial performance in the US is unfair.

2. The second damaging consequence is related to our children's future.

That impact is global as it affects human health. EPA regulations are good for specific reasons. However, its standards only apply to American industries.

The Aluminum Association has found that if Chinese aluminum producers energized from coal-fired power plants constituted a country, that country would be the 16th largest emitter of greenhouse gases in the world.

North-American production by comparison is cleaner because regulated. Replacing clean production by dirty one is unfair.

3. The third damaging consequence is on our country's future.

Jupiter mills are based in the heart of the steel industry. Over the last 30 years, the region has seen the steel mills bankrupting and downsizing. During that time, demand did not really disappear. Only production moved to China. The same is happening to aluminum.

It has become increasingly difficult to attract the next generation in our industry as it has seen its parents lose their jobs and beyond their jobs their faith in their future.

The questions are:

- Can our country thrive without an industry?
- Should our country become completely dependent on China for its manufactured goods?

It is clear today that we must work with China on an agreed upon path forward. That said, that path forward has to be fair and honest without market-distorting behaviors.

Thank you, Mr. Secretary, and thanks to the members of the panel for this opportunity to address our industry's concerns today.

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